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Mr. Chester I. Barnard
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
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Dear Mr. Barnard:

I am in receipt of your letter of 14 November in regard to the Current Digest of the Soviet Press and the possibility that you might finance this project to the extent of \$50,000.00 over the next four years to help meet present and future deficits.

In the normal course of business, it is necessary for this Agency to make a careful study of all such publications. This is done in our Office of Research and Reports which has examined the material produced in the Digest over a number of years. I am also personally familiar with the project.

When Mr. Willits is in Washington, I suggest that he call Dr. Max F. Milliken, Assistant Director of the Office of Research and Reports, who will be delighted to discuss with him any features of the Digest. I would also like to give him my own impressions.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith
Director

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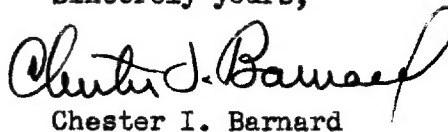
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Dear General Smith:

Since February of 1949, The Rockefeller Foundation has been supporting directly or indirectly the financing of THE CURRENT DIGEST OF THE SOVIET PRESS, with which I assume you are familiar. The Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies, under whose auspices this venture proceeds, have asked for a grant of \$50,000, payable over the next four years, to help them meet the deficits which have not yet been obliterated by subscriptions. It would be of the greatest assistance to our Trustees in considering this request if we might have your judgment concerning the value and quality of the work carried on by this publication.

I have asked the Director of our Social Sciences division, Joseph H. Willits, to call on you to discuss one special feature of the Digest. I hope very much that when he communicates with you, you will be willing to see him.

Sincerely yours,


Chester I. Barnard

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